



Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule October, 2016

Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail unless otherwise noted. All programs are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates. See www.nps.gov/sagu for other programs.

October 1 & 22 1:00 p.m.. **The Point of the Matter is Cactus** *Presentation*
October 12 11:00 a.m.

Cacti are much more than strange plants with spines. They are uniquely equipped to thrive in the desert environment, and every year bloom with spectacular flowers. This theater presentation will highlight these survival marvels with a beautiful photo gallery. **Wheelchair accessible.**

October 5 & 26 11:00 a.m. **A Sticky Situation at Saguaro** *Presentation*
October 15 1:00 p.m.

Here at Saguaro national Park East we have over 30 species of cacti and each is beautiful in its own way. Finding them all is hard, but we will look at them in a stunning photo gallery and learn a few uses these plants have to those living here and beyond. **Wheelchair accessible.**

October 8 & 29 1:00 p.m. **Flash, Whoosh, Gush & Growth: Monsoons** *Presentation*
October 19 1:00 p.m.

The summer heat and humidity bring the mighty and sometimes destructive monsoon rain. Saguaros, toads and others depend on these drenching afternoons to begin a new season of life in the dry desert. A fabulous video opens this theater presentation. **Wheelchair accessible.**

October 14, 21, 28 10:00 a.m. **Cactus Caravan** *Auto Tour*
Begin your exploration of the Cactus Forest Drive with a park ranger and become familiar with some of the common cacti. A great introduction to the park! **Wheelchair accessible.**

October 14 & 28 7:00 p.m. **Night Walk** 1 mile guided walk
Join a park naturalist for this easy two-hour hike to explore and experience the Sonoran Desert at night. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a flashlight. As space is limited, **advanced reservations are required**, and can be made by calling (520) 733-5153.

October 15, 16, 23 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. **Cactus Garden Walk** *Easy Walk*
29, 30

Join a park naturalist to discover the many secrets of our Sonoran Desert plants. **Wheelchair accessible.**

October 20 **7:00 p.m.** **Star Party** *illustrated program & activity*

Join park naturalists for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be available. **Reservations required. Call 733-5153.** *Wheelchair accessible.*